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SUBJECT: DEVELOPMENTS IN CASE OF ARRESTED CHRISTIAN
SOCIAL ACTIVITIS

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1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT DR. L. GEORGE
PAIK (PAEK NAK-CHUN) AND TWO OTHER CHRISTIAN LEADERS
CALLED ON THE PRIME MINISTER AUGUST ONE TO EXPRESS
THEIR CONCERN ABOUT ARREST OF REV. PAK HYONG-KU AND
OTHER CHRISTIAN ACTIVISTS (REFTELS). GROUP REQUESTED
LENIENCY IN TRIAL AND EXPEDITIOUS HANDLING OF CASE.
ALSO EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER RECENT DEVELOPMENTS INVOLVING
GOVERNMENT AND CHRISTIANS AND INDICATED DESIRE TO MINIMIZE FRICTIONS.
WE UNDER STAND PRIME MINISTER SYMPATHETIC BUT MADE NO SPECIFIC
PROMISES.

2. IN RELATED DEVELOPMENTS, THE NATIONAL COUNCIL
OF CHURCHES IN THE U.S. AS WELL AS CHRISTIAN GROUPS
IN OTHER COUNTRIES HAVE SENT TELEGRAMS OF CONCERN ABOUT
ARRESTS TO PRESIDENT PARK. WE HAVE REPORT THAT THE
WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES HAS ALLOTTED \$5,000 FOR
REV. PAK'S LEGAL DEFENSE, AND UNITED PROTESTANT CHURCH
OF JAPAN HAS CONTRIBUTED FUNDS TO ASSIST HIM.

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